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I. STATUTORY DIRECTIVE

The Indiana General Assembly enacted IC 2-5-23, establishing the Commission and authorizing the Commission to study any topic:

- directed by the chairman of the commission;
- assigned by the legislative council; or
- concerning issues that include:
 - (1) the delivery, payment, and organization of health care services;
 - (2) rules adopted under IC 4-22-2 that pertain to health care delivery, payment, and services that are under the authority of any board or agency of state government; and
 - (3) the implementation of IC 12-10-11.5 (long term care services).

The Legislative Council directed the Health Finance Commission to study the following:

- the cost of delivering health care services to diabetics (HR 34)
- adapting health coverage systems used in other jurisdictions to answer the needs of Hoosiers (SCR 42)
- monitor and report on the impact of the privatization of health related services performed or administered by state agencies, including the impact on state employees who have been laid off (SR 51 and SR 56)
- certification of surgical technicians (Legislative Council)

II. SUMMARY OF WORK PROGRAM

The Commission met two times during the 2006 interim session, on August 10, 2006, and on September 26, 2006.

On August 10, 2006, the Commission heard testimony concerning the following topics: the certification of surgical technicians, the licensure of occupational therapists, and a presentation on other health care models by Representative Orentlicher.

On September 26, 2006, the Commission heard testimony concerning the cost of delivering health care services to diabetics, dental hygienists at Marion County Health and Hospital Corporation, and an update on the implementation of SEA 493-2003.

The Commission did not make any findings or recommendations. Additional details concerning the Commission's proceedings are available in the Commission's minutes, which can be accessed from the General Assembly Homepage at <http://www.in.gov/legislative/>.